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Pa.'s youth unregistered

(And why your leaders don't care)

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Obama still leads 2012 hopefuls

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No reunion tour for *NSYNC

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In the news

Attack suspects rounded up

Police have arrested the fourth and final suspect in the April 30 beating of a man in Old City. Tracy Biondo, 19, surrendered two weeks after a third suspect turned himself in. The foursome is accused of punching and kicking a 27-year-old man, leaving him unconscious.

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Cell phone ban while driving close

PENNSYLVANIA. The state Senate yesterday approved a bill to ban handheld cell phone use while driving.

"The development is a giant leap forward in this debate and narrows the differences between the House and Senate," said state Rep. Josh Shapiro, who pushed similar legislation through the House twice but has been working for seven years to gain Senate approval on the issue.

The two branches hope to hammer out specifics and have a bill on the governor's desk by the end of the month. ● METRO/AW



New jag pops out at Philly Zoo

WEST PHILADELPHIA. The first jaguar born at the Philadelphia Zoo in more than 30 years popped out Friday and the first image of the rare animal appeared yesterday. The mother, Kanga, a 10-year-old spotted jaguar has had three previous litters with other male jaguars at other zoos. The cub is the first for father, Jatai, who came to the Philadelphia Zoo in 2007 after being rescued in Belize. ● METRO/ALP

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Percent of students who graduate high school in New Jersey, the highest number in the nation, according to the Diplomas Count 2011 survey, which reported that the national average is 72 percent.

Weather. Heat wave



► One ad lib swimmer at the LOVE Park fountain remembered to hydrate with a bottle of water.

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Everyone in the pool, er, fountain

The heat wave continues today as temperatures for the second straight day head into the high 90s, again challenging the all-time high. Yesterday's high of 96 degrees at 4 p.m. tied the daily record. Heat could raise to 98 today, which would also tie the record.

DROP tweaked, but fixed? Many unsure

► Unions think they are being scapegoated ► Good government advocates say voters want DROP to be destroyed ► Council takes middle road even though Mayor Nutter's veto may come after final vote

City Council gave initial approval yesterday to a plan that would tweak the controversial DROP program but keep it in place, seemingly pleasing absolutely no one in the process. Mayor Michael Nutter, government watchdog groups and city workers all disagreed with the outcome.

The proposal passed by Council would force city employees to wait two years until after they are eligible for retirement to enroll in the program, though firefighters and police are exempted from the waiting period.

The bill would also lower the interest rate paid to those enrolled in the program, which is currently 4.5 percent.

Nutter, who has pushed for the elimination of the

program based on the cost to taxpayers, would not say directly whether he planned to veto the bill if passed by Council.

"What I can say is that of the bills that were up there the only DROP bill that I had planned to put my signature on was the one [the Administration] sent up last year," Nutter said following the vote.

The city's labor unions threatened to challenge the matter in court, claiming Pennsylvania law has upheld pensions as part of wages and working conditions negotiated during collective bargaining. The city solicitor's office disagrees.

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"We're going to file in court [that it is an] unfair labor practice, we're going to win that, [and] it's going to continue as a collective bargaining issue."

HERMAN "PETE" MATTHEWS,
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Imminent veto?



► Greenlee

Council could pass the bill next Thursday. If Nutter vetoes it, Council could override it for only the second time since Nutter's election.

► "Whether it can be avoided I guess would be the mayor's call," said Councilman Bill Greenlee, "because the mayor has never offered a middle ground."

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► Only 9 percent of all registered voters in Pennsylvania are between age 18 and 24.

Pa. political class unlikely to rock the boat for votes

Pennsylvania is one of the worst states in the nation in terms of youth voter participation due to bureaucratic red tape and roadblocks, and many in the state's entrenched political establishment are seeking to make the process even more difficult.

The state House of Representatives is considering legislation that would require all voters to show government-issued photo identification at the polls in order to cast a ballot.

"The bill as it's drafted would place an undue hardship on voters and would work against increasing voter participa-

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tion for all voters, including young people," said state Rep. Josh Shapiro.

Often a swing state that can decide close national races and consists of voters who don't have easy-to-pigeonhole ideologies, Pennsylvania can be volatile to incumbents. The more young voters there are, the more unpredictable election outcomes can be, some suggest.

"Certainly in Pennsylvania, where it's a highly

competitive state and elections are very close, I think that youth participation can swing elections one way or another," said Thomas Bates of Rock the Vote. "That may be one reason politicians who are securely in office might make it harder for them to participate."

"When you're in office and you know who your primary electorate is, there's a resistance to opening that up to the unknown," pollster G. Terry Madonna of Franklin & Marshall agreed.

ALEXANDRA WIGGLESWORTH

Obstacles, not voter apathy

Though apathy is often blamed for low youth voter turnouts, Rock the Vote's study found that other obstacles took precedence. "It's not that the interest isn't there. Systemic barriers make the manifestation of that interest really

challenging," Bates said.

These barriers include the lack of an early voting and pre-registration period, little-to-no youth education aimed at civic engagement and the absence of online and same-day voter registration, which has been shown to increase participation as much as 12 percent in other states, according to Rock the Vote.

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What's needed

To vote in Pennsylvania, a person currently must:

- Be a U.S. citizen and Pennsylvania resident for at least 30 days before the election
- Be at least 18 years of age on the election date
- Submit a Voter Registration Application by mail or register at a PennDOT photo license center or an eligible state government office at least 30 days before the election

Cloud tech may help in fight vs. piracy

WASHINGTON. Services developed by Apple and Google for people to store photos, music and data online may do more to combat online piracy than regulation can, a U.S. official said yesterday.

Victoria Espinel,



the coordinator of U.S. intellectual property enforcement, said corporate innovation was often more effective than law enforcement or other rules, which are sometimes applied inappropriately.

"In order for the Internet to be as productive and compelling as possible, we need to have active engagement from companies that interact with and benefit from Internet commerce," she said. **REUTERS**

eBay works on image recognition

LONDON. eBay is hunting for acquisitions to speed up its development of image recognition and augmented reality features as the online retailer and auctioneer

seeks to capitalize on the potential of mobile phones to help consumers make impulse purchases.

Image recognition, which Amazon already has, would allow users to photograph an object with their phone, send the image to eBay, find a match in the online store and buy it within seconds — before losing interest. **REUTERS**

EU group: Get your hands off of our face, Facebook!



► Why the long face, Zuckerberg?

- Complaint over site's facial-recognition feature
- Privacy problem, group says
- It can be disabled

A privacy-rights group said it plans to file a complaint with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission over Facebook's facial-recognition feature for photo-tagging.

The Washington-based Electronic Privacy Information Center is working on the complaint and will file it with the FTC yesterday or today, Marc Rotenberg, the group's executive director, said in an interview. He said other privacy and consumer groups that he declined to identify plan to join the complaint.

Facebook, owner of the world's most popular social-networking service, said on its blog on Tuesday that "Tag Suggestions" are

100M

"We launched Tag Suggestions to help people add tags of their friends in photos; something that's currently done more than 100 million times a day," Facebook said.

available in most countries after being phased in over several months. The feature uses facial-recognition software and, when a user posts a new photo to their Facebook page, it suggests peoples' names based on pictures in which they have already been tagged.

The feature also is drawing scrutiny in the European Union, where a group of privacy watchdogs drawn from the EU's 27 nations said it will study photo-tagging for possible rules violations. Ireland's data protection authority also is looking into the feature.

A spokesman for Facebook, Andrew Noyes, declined to comment on the center's plans for the FTC complaint.

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Obama has big 2012 lead over Republicans

President Barack Obama retains a big edge over possible Republican rivals in the 2012 election despite anxiety about the economy and the country's future, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll yesterday.

Obama's approval rating inched up 1 percentage point from May (to 50 percent) but the number of Americans who believe the country is on the wrong track also rose as pricier gasoline, persistently high unemployment and a weak

housing market chipped away at public confidence.

Obama leads all potential Republican challengers by double-digit margins, the poll showed. He is ahead of his closest Republican rival, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, by 13 percentage points — 51 percent to 38 percent.

"Obama's position has gotten a little stronger over the last couple of months as the public mood has evened out, and as an incumbent he has some big advantages over his rivals," Ipsos pollster Cliff Young said.

REUTERS



Al Qaeda: Bin Laden will 'haunt' America

Osama bin Laden's longtime lieutenant, Ayman al-Zawahiri, said the United States faces rebellion throughout the Muslim world after killing the al Qaeda leader, according to a YouTube recording posted yesterday.

In what appeared to be his first public response to bin Laden's death last month, the Egyptian-born Zawahiri warned Americans not to gloat and vowed to press ahead with al Qaeda's

"America is not facing an individual or a group ... but a rebelling nation, which has awoken from its sleep in a jihadist renaissance, challenging it wherever it is."

ZAWAHIRI

campaign against the United States and its allies.

"The Sheikh has departed ... as a martyr, and we must continue on his path of jihad to expel the invaders from the land of Muslims and to purify it from injustice," Zawahiri said in the 28-minute clip. **REUTERS**

A new oil spill?

HOUSTON. The U.S. Coast Guard is investigating a fisherman's report of an apparent oil spill "several miles" long near Venice, La., a Coast Guard spokesman said yesterday.

A team was trying to determine whether the substance was actually oil, how much was spilled and where it came from, a Coast Guard spokesman said. He declined to predict what the findings would be.

"It's too early," the spokesman said. **REUTERS**

Arizona. Wildfire



▶ A firefighter sleeps at the incident command post for the fire yesterday in Springerville, Ariz.

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Wildfire wipes out 600 sq. miles

A wildfire blazed unchecked for an 11th day in eastern Arizona yesterday, leaving at least 600 square miles of pine forest blackened and menacing several mountain towns near the New Mexico border. The monster blaze ranks as Arizona's second-largest wildfire.

Awful OPEC talks yield no deal on oil

▶ 'One of the worst meetings we have ever had' ▶ Saudi Arabia cannot convince cartel to lift production ▶ Failure to agree means prices will rise

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries talks broke down in acrimony yesterday without an agreement to raise output after Saudi Arabia failed to convince the oil cartel to lift production.

"We were unable to reach an agreement — this is one of the worst meetings we have ever had," said Ali al-Naimi, oil minister for Saudi Arabia, OPEC's biggest producer.

The failure to do a deal

is a blow for consumer nations hoping the OPEC would take action to stem fuel inflation.

It also underlines concerns about OPEC's willingness to help control prices, perhaps leaving the oil market more open to speculative attack.

"It is absolutely amazing," said Alirio Parra, Venezuela's former OPEC president. "This is not market leadership."

Brent crude rose \$1.06 a

Differences

Analysts said that while there were opposing views on whether markets required more crude, the disagreement's backdrop revolved around political tensions in the Middle East and North Africa, as well as differences over how to respond to consumer demands.

barrel to \$117.84.

The United States had put pressure on Saudi Arabia to deliver a credible deal to cap crude prices and underpin faltering economic growth.

"We have noted with disappointment that OPEC members today were unable to agree on the need to make more oil available to the market," said the West's energy adviser the International Energy Agency. **REUTERS**

"This is not about additional spending, this is about honoring the obligations the United States government has made." **WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY JAY CARNEY**

Fed: Default is dangerous

A default would have severe reverberations in global markets, a top Federal Reserve official said just hours after Fitch Ratings warned it could slash credit ratings if the government misses bond payments.

St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank President James Bullard told Reuters on Wednesday "the U.S. fiscal situation, if not handled correctly, could turn into a global macro shock."

"The idea that the U.S.

could threaten to default is a dangerous one," he said in an interview.

"The reverberations in those global markets would be very severe. That's where the real risk comes in," Bullard warned. **REUTERS**

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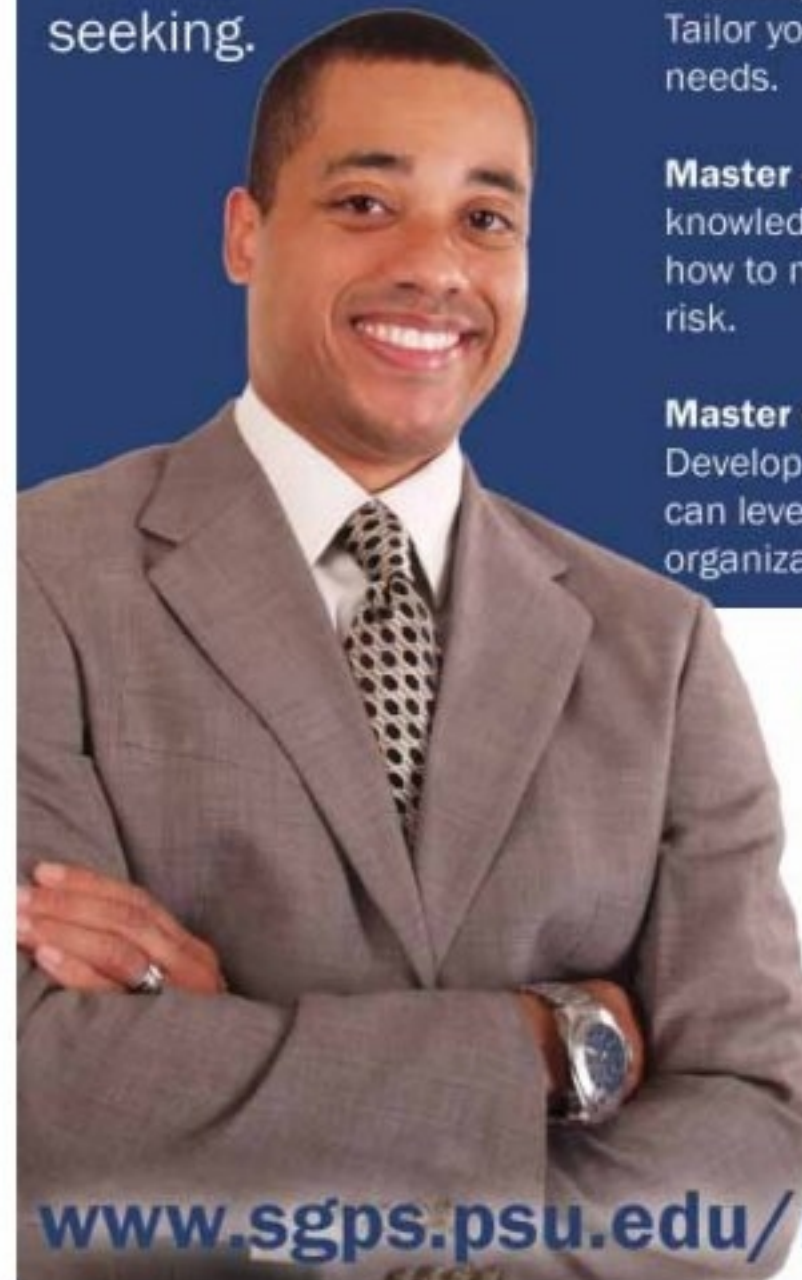
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Will all the star sexting ever end?

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► Watch where you point that phone, Kim.

Kim Kardashian just can't stand being left out of the sexting party. Lest we forget about Ms. Kardashian while we focus our attention on **Rep. Anthony Weiner** and **Blake Lively**, her own cell phone scandal erupted yesterday when *In Touch* magazine proclaimed that she carried on in a secret texting and phone sex fling with New England Patriots player **Bret Lockett** while she was dating her now-fiance **Kris Humphries**. In one text exchange, Kardashian asked if he was ready to be her boyfriend, and he responded, "Are you ready for me?" She replied, "I'm sure I'm ready." Kardashian also asked him to send her a "SEXY picture," to which Lockett replied she should

"be patient" because she'd get to see it in the flesh.

Kardashian isn't taking this story too well — she's threatening to sue both Lockett and *In Touch* magazine. Meanwhile, her reps tell TMZ that she's never met or spoken to him.

A few thoughts: 1. Does everyone in Hollywood send sexy cell phone photos of themselves as courtship? Aren't there enough sexy photos floating around of them already? 2. I'm worried Humphries is going to break up with Kardashian once he reads *In Touch*, but considering I'm not convinced he's literate, she might get a pass on this one. 3. If they do indeed break up, I call fives on that engagement ring.

Bass syncs-up online

Considering the huge success of the current tour of **NKOTBSB**, Metro asked **Lance Bass** if there might be an "NSYNC reunion on the horizon." "No, we will not be doing anything," Bass laughed. "We are retired — forever." Luckily, Bass, who was out and about on Tuesday night at the opening of Beekman Beer Garden in New York, has plenty to keep him occupied. "I have to go Paris for Men's Fashion Week in a couple weeks," he said when asked what his plans are for the summer. "And then I started this new dot-com this year called FamousYard sale.com. It's where celebrities do virtual yard sales and raise money for their charities." *With additional reporting by Meredith Engel*



Lance Bass

The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Joel McHale is feeling the pressure of parenthood, **Tyra Banks** is feeling inspired, **Andy Dick** apologizes for the interruption and **Jim Carrey** finds himself quite entertaining.

► **@joelmchale**
Been potty training my 3yr old. I feel like I'm part of some kind of fraternity hazing. I'm just not sure who's the pledge & who's the member

► **@tyrabanks**
Dream so damn big that people laugh in your face. Then prove them all wrong! My hero Richard Branson does just that. I hope to follow...U?

► **@andydick**
gave up on getting my old phone back. bought another one. i will be tweeting my ass off once again. missed you. love you!

► **@JimCarrey**
I AM CONSCIOUSNESS AMUSING ITSELF!



Jim Carrey

Talking points

Leo and Blake: Back in the states

After cavorting around France and Italy, **Leonardo DiCaprio** and **Blake Lively** have reportedly taken their fledgling romance stateside, sneaking into Disneyland recently, according to *Us Weekly*. The stars were reportedly escorted into the park close to closing time and were ushered to the front of the line for the newly refurbished "Star Wars"-themed Star Tours ride.

Onlookers later spotted them strolling through the nearly empty park.

Cowell takes the blame

Simon Cowell is taking full responsibility for **Cheryl Cole**'s departure from the U.S. "X Factor" turning into a circus, according to the Sun. "The feeling was that she was slightly out of her comfort zone in America," he explains. "The intention was to do it quietly and say to her she had an option to rejoin the U.K. show. ... At the end of the day we were saying, 'Move to another show for even more money'. There was an offer of around [\$4.1



► Evans

million] on the table including bonuses. How is that [firing] someone?"

Chris Evans admits the inevitable

"Captain America" star **Chris Evans** is facing down one very hair-raising issue for an actor: a thinning hairline. "I have no problem saying this, but I'm losing my hair," he tells *E!* Online. "The fear is this [role] can span 10 years so I can be doing this character until I'm 40. I'm supposed to be like this superior human. He can't be balding. How horrible would it be if this superior man has male pattern baldness?"

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Reasons to go to the movies this weekend

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Must-see

1 **'Super 8'** One of the most highly anticipated movies of the summer, J.J. Abrams' latest monster movie is finally out on Friday. It's kind of like "E.T." meets "The Goonies" meets "Cloverfield," which can only be a good thing.



► "Super 8"

2 **'Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer'** This summer's "Ramona and Beezus" features a plucky third-grader sent to stay with her wacky

aunt Opal (played by Heather Graham) for the summer.

3 **'X-Men: First Class'** It's the first time in a while

that we can feel genuinely psyched for an X-Men movie, and this one definitely brings the goods as it portrays the beginnings of the X-Men clan in the 1960s.

4 **'The Hangover Part II'** The men of "the wolf pack" are back for another evening of unintentional debauchery, this time in Bangkok.

5 **'Kung Fu Panda 2'** Martial arts-performing animals join forces again against an even more insidious enemy. The voices of Jack Black and Angelina Jolie return.

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TV watch list

'Real Housewives of New York City'

REALITY. No relaxing vacation in Marrakech for these ladies — Jill and Ramona have the kind of knock-down, drag-out fight fans of trashy reality TV have been waiting for since ... well, since their last fight, on their last vacation.
10 p.m., Bravo

'Swamp People'

REALITY. Congratulations, Liz, on taking the helm from boss Troy. Now git yerself some gators!
9 p.m., History

'The Originals'

REALITY. Emeril travels around the globe without leaving New York City, taking in the institutions Il Vagabondo (Northern Italian cuisine), King Yum (Chinese — plus a tiki bar!) and Keens (for that quintessential American steakhouse experience).
10:30 p.m., Cooking Channel

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going out

Sip smart this summer

► Center City Sips is in full swing, meaning cheap cocktails and packed bars ► We checked in with a veteran barkeep on how to not be 'that guy'

Every Wednesday this summer, Center City Sips brings crazy-discounted drinks and snacks to restaurants all over the city. It's Christmas in July, if you will — with way better eggnog: \$4 cocktails, \$3 wine and \$2 beers, not to mention half-priced appetizers.

Of course, this also means packed bars of cheap tequila-seeking Philadelphians. We checked in with Rum Bar's Lee Vick for an etiquette refresher.

How to get a drink in a crowded bar

It's all about patience, tipsy grasshopper — and a smile wouldn't hurt. "Honestly, if it's a good bartender, which we have at Rum Bar, just approach the bar, make eye contact and look pleasant," says Vick. "We see you, and we want to take care of you as soon as we can."

... And how to not get a drink "Don't wave money, don't knock or tap on the bar, don't poke at us," says Vick. Wait — did he say poke? "Yeah, they'll reach back and poke at you — it can get annoying."

Seriously guys? Stop that right now.



► Rum, sugar and limes: We can see why the Caipirinha is Brazil's national cocktail.

Pay this way

Want to open a tab? The answer is yes. "I would much rather somebody open a tab — it's just so much easier and faster," says Vick. "I've been doing

this for 20 years, and I've never lost a credit card."

If you have to pay the next day ...

Vick won't misplace your card, but you might. If you

forget to close out your tab at the end of the night, don't worry too much — you'll have plenty of walk-of-shame company. "It happens all the time. Just call the next day and say that you left your card. We keep them for two or three weeks, because it's amazing how long people will not realize they lost their credit card," says Vick.

A tipping tip: Bring cash. They won't be able to add a tip to the card.

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When ...

Center City Sips takes place Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. through Aug. 31. Some restaurants offer 15 percent off dinner if you stick around. Visit www.centercityphila.org for a full list of participants.

What to sip

Rum Bar (2005 Walnut St., www.rumbarphilly.com) is serving up Leblon Caipirinhas and Dark 'n' Stormys (\$4) in addition to wine and beer. Snacks include half-priced jerk wings and roast-pork sliders.



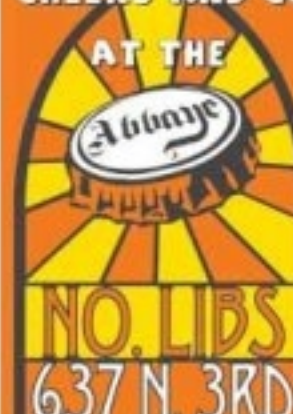
► Beer Week runs through Sunday.

Don't forget Beer Week!

There's no shortage of drink specials happening in the city this week. Philly Beer Week is still going strong, and there are more than a couple events worth raising a glass to tonight. We sug-

gest starting out with a visit to their new **With Love Beer Garden** at the Four Seasons (1 Logan Square), and then wrapping things up at the **Blockley Beer Garden**, part of the Food Trust's **Night Market** (39th and Market streets). Visit www.phillybeerweek.org for more info and events.

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WHAT TO GET DAD

► He grumbles when you spend money, but the man who taught you how to ride your bike and make the perfect omelet deserves one of these • **TINA CHADHA**



► 1. There's no room in mom's bag for his stuff — get him his own traveler. **Matt & Nat Braun bag, \$220, www.mattandnat.com**

► 2. Mom's got her wine; these are more his speed. **The Compass Box Whisky**

Tasting gift set, \$50, www.compassboxwhisky.com

► 3. His boring khakis get a modern update. **Dockers SF Tapered Khaki, \$50, www.dockers.com**

► 4. A PlayStation-certified

smartphone — good luck having a conversation with him now.

Sony Ericsson Xperia PLAY, \$200 with 2-year contract from Verizon, www.verizon-wireless.com

► 5. These colorful wallets will put him in a good mood — especially important when you're asking for a 20-spot. **J. Fold laser-etched plaid wallets, \$60 each, www.jfold.com**

► 6. These are way better for him than the real kind. **Godiva milk-chocolate cigars, \$15, www.godiva.com**

► 7. The ClubGlider's extendable legs and pivoting wheels help take the burden off dad next time he's lugging his clubs for a golf trip. **\$269-\$349, www.sunmountain.com**

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Obama, FDR and free money

RE: "ON OBAMA AND THE ECONOMY": What Mr. Connell doesn't realize is that all the free money he got from Obama was not free. It had to come from somewhere, and that is why we have such a large debt. So before you go blindly blaming one side of politics — take a look at the other. They are both equally as bad.

RYAN HANDREN, VIA E-MAIL

Kelly Donnoe's letter from yesterday is a classic example of the "post hoc" fallacy, in which because something follows some-

thing else, it was assumed to be caused by that something else. She claims that the Great Depression lasted a decade because of "giant intervention by the federal government," but the truth is much more complex. Most people forget that FDR was a fiscal conservative; and most scholars agree that it was his attempt to slash federal spending and reduce taxes, in his second term, that sent the economy into its 1938 tailspin. If war had not intruded, FDR may have tried to return to what worked in his first term. JON MELICK, VIA E-MAIL

Obama may have inherit-

ed a mess; however, his economic policies have made a bad situation worse. Obamacare has already driven up health care costs and prompted many major corporations to drop employee health benefits — because paying the fine for not offering benefits actually saves the company hundreds of millions of dollars. Change we can believe in? Change is all many people have left.

STEPHEN DEBORDE, VIA E-MAIL

Weiner roast continues

RE: "WEINERGATE": Even if

(and that is still an if) Rep. Weiner has done nothing illegal, he should resign immediately for the sake of his marriage, his party and his constituents — not because photos of his private parts became public, but because he demonstrated terrible lack of judgement, repeatedly and knowingly lied about it and caused waste of taxpayers' money for both cover-up and ensuing investigation.

GAROLD MINKIN, VIA E-MAIL

I love how the Muslim community is pushing Weiner's wife to stick by him. If she had been the one that was unfaithful, they'd be calling her names and wouldn't blame him if he divorces her. How is it OK to support a liar and a cheat?

JULIE ABAD, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

II Gemini May 21-June 20. Be careful about taking any foolish risks, because you're not likely to be as lucky as you think in situations that are a bit chancy. Be safe rather than sorry. Cancer June 21-July 22. Beat the weatherman at his own game by having a backup plan ready in case the elements don't cooperate and you have to change venues. Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Plan your logistics carefully by laying out a sensible itinerary. If your agenda doesn't waste valuable time, you won't create unnecessary complications. Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't expect anybody to pick up your tab, even those who usually do so. In fact, if you're going out with someone who always pays, make it your turn to reciprocate. Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. Plans involving others should not be changed in order to serve your purposes, especially if it would inconvenience someone else. Be considerate and thoughtful of the needs of others. Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. This is not a good day to experiment with unfamiliar tools, materials or ways of doing things. If you honestly don't know how to do something, let the experts handle it.

Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. If you are unduly insistent that everything be done your way, be prepared to take all the complaints as well as any dissension in the ranks. Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. It isn't likely that your opposition will defeat you, but there are strong probabilities that you might be tripped up by your own carelessness. Double-check every jot and tittle. Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. This is definitely not the right day to engage in endeavors you've never done before — or even try anything risky. Stick to activities that are both fun and safe. Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Unfortunately, this is one of those days when things could fizzle, so try not to lay out big money for something you don't need or don't have to do. Aries March 21-April 19. If you don't stand firm on the plans you've made for yourself, you'll allow another to convince you to change directions, which may not be your best course of action. Taurus April 20-May 20. Circumvent hard feelings at your workplace or home by assigning each person a specific task that you know he or she does best and enjoys doing. Equal distribution is good for morale. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

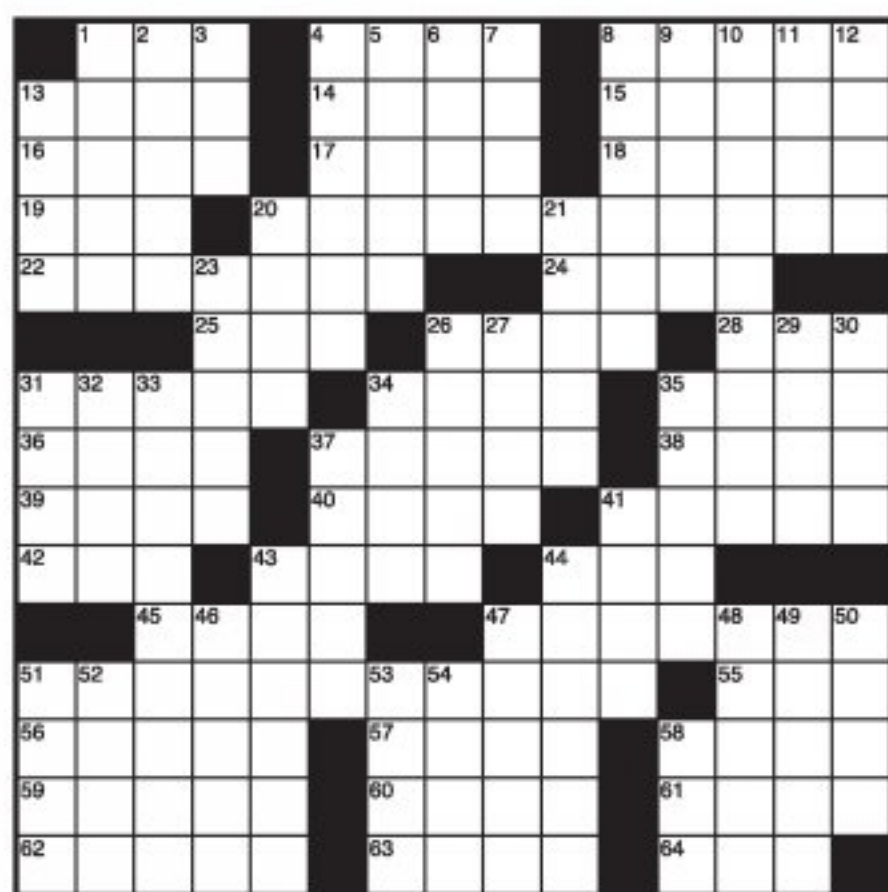
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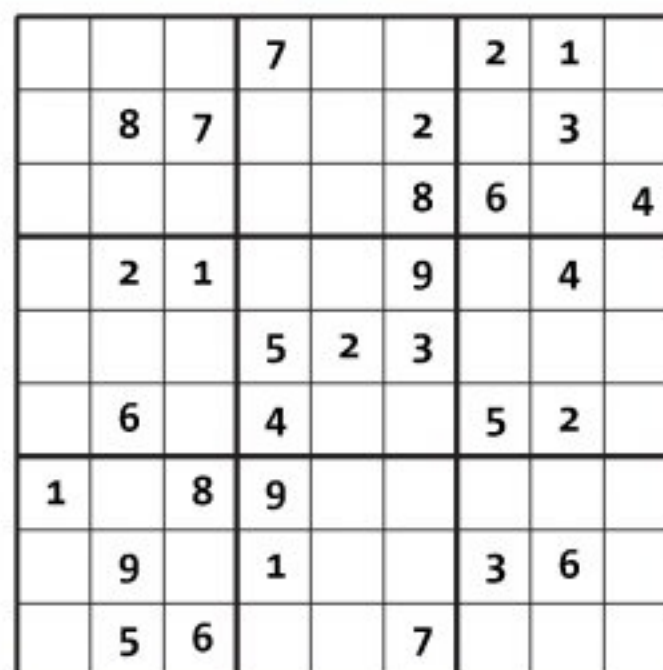
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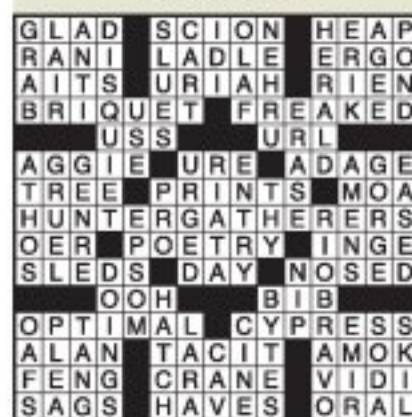
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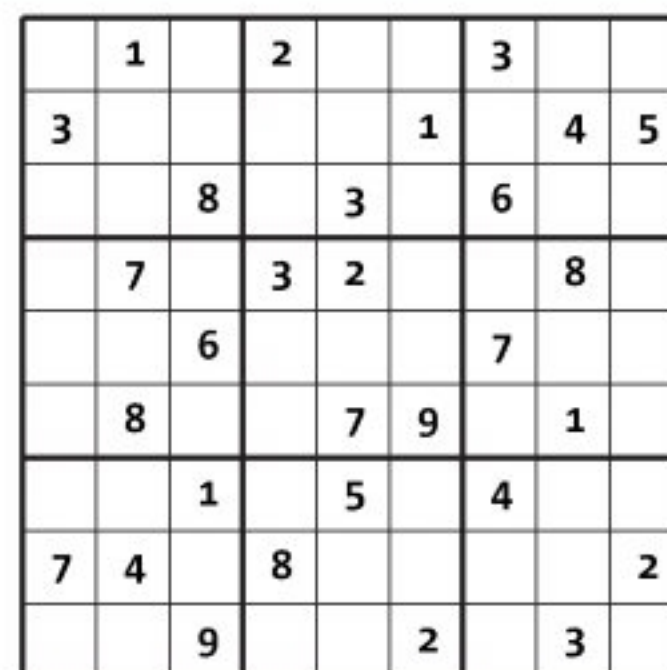


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It's time to win the Cup

Ilya Bryzgalov hasn't even been fitted for a Flyers uniform, but he believes his potential new team is already poised to win that elusive Stanley Cup. Better yet, the self-admitted American history buff very much wants to play in Philadelphia.

"I would love very much to be a part of the team that brings the Stanley Cup back to Philadelphia," Bryzgalov said in a statement. "It would be a great honor. And it's time!" • METRO

Goaltender carousel finally over? Maybe

► Flyers acquire rights to Vezina finalist, look to sign him to long-term deal ► Cap space remains big concern ► Circle July 1 on your calendars

When news broke that the Flyers had traded for a veteran goaltender, Ron Hextall must have been smiling. The idea is that his name won't be brought up every time the Flyers struggle with stability in net.

The hard part is signing the guy the team just acquired the negotiating rights to — Ilya Bryzgalov.

The 30-year-old Russian forced his way out of Phoenix because he wanted to be paid like a top-tier guy. Now, it's up to the Flyers to make that happen.

"We didn't make this trade to acquire his rights just to try to hang around," Flyers GM Paul Holmgren said. "We're going to try our best to get him signed."

Bryzgalov, a finalist for the Vezina Trophy just a year ago, is expected to command around \$5 million per year. The Flyers would certainly have to move salaries, maybe trade center Jeff Carter, defenseman Matt Carle or both.

What about Bob?

It's great if the Flyers can sign Bryzgalov to a long deal, but what happens to Sergei Bobrovsky?

Relief duty

Holmgren said he could see Bryzgalov starting at least 65 games. That would relegate Bobrovsky to just 17, down from 55 last year.

Trade bait

Keeping Bobrovsky would cost \$1.75 million against the cap, making him one of the NHL's highest paid backups. The 22-year-old might garner a first- or second-round pick if traded.

Even then, the Flyers still might not have enough money to sign Ville Leino to a long-term deal.

"There's a lot of things that need to happen between now and July 1 [when NHL free agency begins]," Holmgren said. "We're going to see what we can do." • METRO



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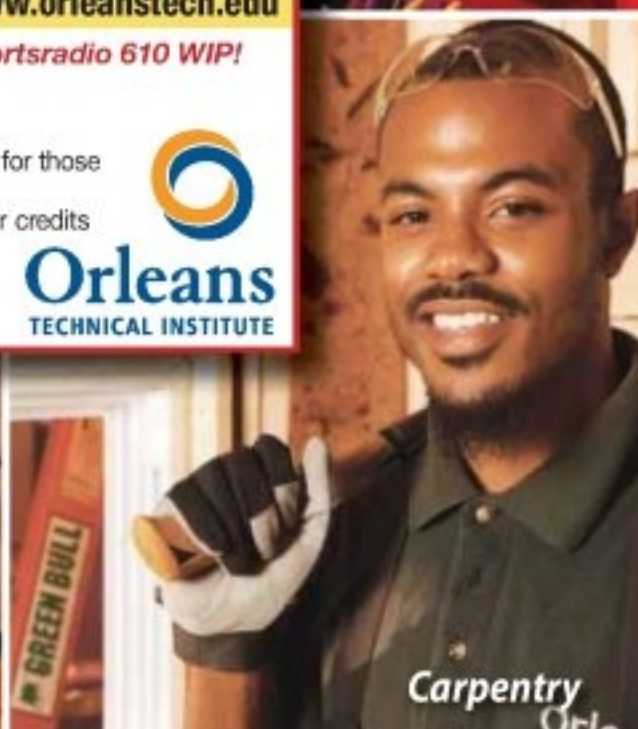
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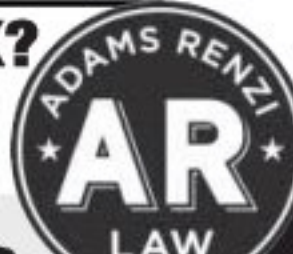
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Vick unveils new safety padding

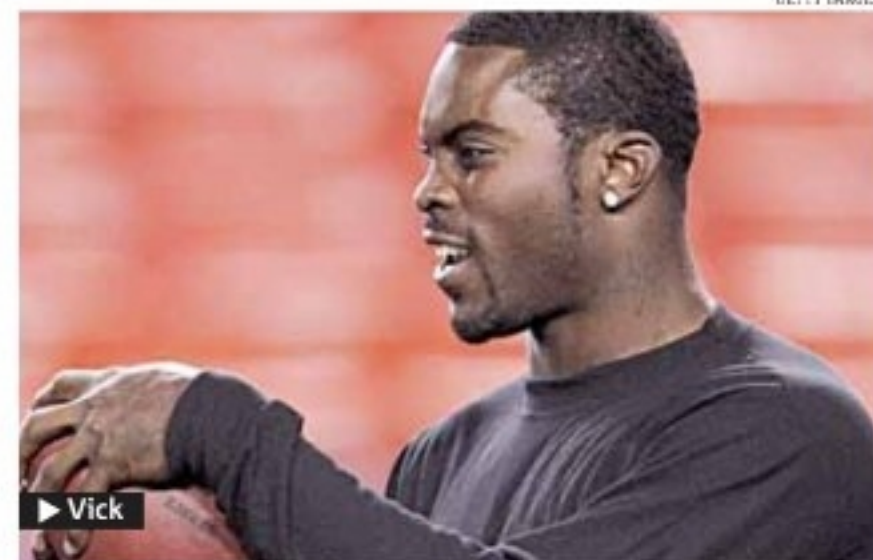
► Eagles QB official spokesman for Unequal ► Started wearing equipment last season ► What about Burrell?

Michael Vick intends to be well-protected when (if?) he plays football this season — with or without the help of his offensive line.

The Eagles starting quarterback unveiled a new product yesterday from Unequal, a manufacturer of Kevlar-style pads, while speaking at the Sporting Club at the Bellevue.

Vick became the Kennett Square-based company's first corporate spokesman when he signed on to endorse their EXO Skeleton line. The full-body, protective padding is supposed to help prevent concussions.

"What's important to me is that I'm able to go



► Vick

out and play my style of game and not worry about being tight and not be able to move," said Vick. "Hopefully, a lot of players in the league will do the same thing."

The padding is available in several other sports, including hockey and baseball. Some members of the Bruins are wearing it in the Stanley Cup finals.

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Birds still aiming for Plax?

Michael Vick didn't give his full support to the Ea-

gles signing Plaxico Burrell. But he didn't sound like he was against the move.

"I wouldn't mind having him," Vick said. "Anytime that there's a great

player available and we can make that acquisition for our team, then it's a great thing. But there's a lot of moving parts, a lot of things have to happen."

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Nowitzki 'ready' to go for Game 5

Dirk Nowitzki, coming off a selfless effort in Game 4 of the NBA finals, plans to be ready to go for tonight's pivotal Game 5 in Dallas.

"I'll probably come back [to the American Airlines Center], get a little sweat for like 30 minutes — at least get the body used to sweating a little bit," Nowitzki said. "And then I'll be ready [today]."

The Mavericks star still scored 21 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter, despite playing with a 101-degree fever and sinus in-

Heat is on

Meanwhile, in Miami ...

According to ESPN.com, Mavericks swingman DeShawn Stevenson said that LeBron James "checked out" in Game 4.

Said Stevenson: "Our defense was good — but at the same time, he wasn't in attack mode."

fection in Tuesday's 86-83 win. The series is tied at two games apiece.

Dallas president of basketball operations Donnie Nelson said Nowitzki's performance was "our version of Willis Reed." ● METRO



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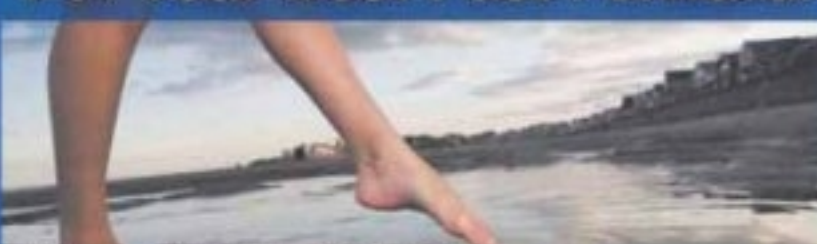
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Eyelets and laser cuts:

"It's a lot about light and dark. There's a lot of white and black and a lot of eyelets — a lot of laser-cut, black leather. It's very street-style again. It's really cool, quote unquote. It's really wearable."



FOR MORE ON SEVIGNY'S RUNWAY SHOW, VISIT WWW.METRO.US/STYLE



Darling Chloe

► Actress, muse and fashion designer Chloe Sevigny takes her resort collection to the runway ► Plus, playing in 'Mr. Nice'

Chloe Sevigny isn't one of those celebrities who just slaps her name on a clothing line and lets someone else take it from there.

"Oh it's all me. My name is on it. It's got to pass through me. Every idea is my idea — almost every idea," says Sevigny who just held her first runway show for the fourth season of her clothing line for Opening Ceremony. "It's not like someone is asking me: 'Do you like this, do you like that?' — and I'm just saying yes or no. I think that's mostly what some bigger celebrity lines entail. Did I just call myself a celebrity? Whatever."

That's the thing about Sevigny, though she may be considered the quintessential New York "it" girl — the indie darling, the coolest celeb to design her own, chic clothing line — when you sit down to have a chat with the 36-year-old actress, she's shockingly down-to-earth, with an easy, hearty giggle.

Sevigny's promoting her latest film, "Mr. Nice" — a biopic about 1970s interna-

tional drug smuggler Howard Marks, played by Rhys Ifans. Sevigny performs the part of his long-suffering wife, Judy, and she's not shy about admitting that hers isn't exactly a standout part in the film.

"The role wasn't the most exciting role but I liked the project," she says plainly. "I love Rhys [Ifans] and I love the director. It was something I wanted to be a part of."

Most actresses would never deign to admit it when they don't exactly have a role that earns them top billing, but Sevigny isn't concerned.

"They're probably more positive than I and want to set a positive image — and if you project that, then people see you as that," she says. "Where maybe, I'm not as afraid of that."

Sevigny's daring side seems to come out most strongly in her fashion line. She gives us a few insights about her latest resort collection (left).



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Even though consoles are king, people still love gaming on their PCs. Indie games like "Minecraft" and "Terraria" are wowing critics and fans alike. Big studio titles like "The Witcher 2" are even on President Obama's to-play list. So what are gamers to do if they want to get in on the action but still want the

portability of a laptop? Enter the "desktop replacement." These laptops have enough muscle under the hood to play any game anywhere.

Maingear EX-L 15

Cost: \$2,400

Grade: 000000

This is probably the most powerful portable gaming rig for your money. 8 gigs of ram, 4.8 GHz of power and every bell and whistle you can think of. All of this power comes with some downsides, though. The battery life is laughable and the hefty price tag could even make one of those mythical rich people

pause for a moment. Still, it's really, really awesome.

Alienware M17x R3

Cost: \$1,500

Grade: 000000

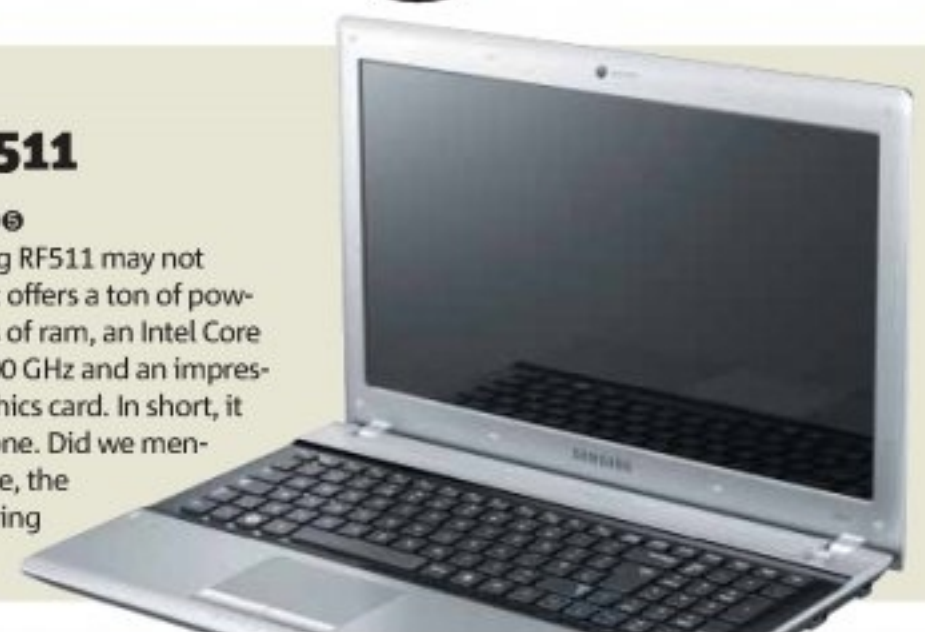
Even though Alienware has been bought by Dell, they still pump out quality gaming laptops. The M17x line is no exception. This rig features an Intel Core i7 chip that uses the Sandy Bridge architecture, which means it can do more things at once. This computer is also 3-D capable, the first of its kind for the company. The third dimension is cool and all, but we'd rather spend less money and forgo it.

Metro pick

Samsung RF511

Cost: \$900 Grade: 000000

The just-released Samsung RF511 may not have a catchy name, but it offers a ton of power on the cheap. Four gigs of ram, an Intel Core i7 chip that clocks in at 2.00 GHz and an impressive NVIDIA GeForce graphics card. In short, it more than gets the job done. Did we mention the price? Of the three, the RF511 offers the best gaming bang for your buck.



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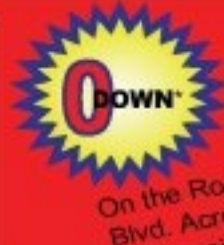
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